

Hunting and Trapping

*Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations.
The following special regulations also apply.*

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable stands are allowed from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by Feb. 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows (*Salicaceae*) and nonwoody vegetation.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- The use of lead shot is prohibited and lead shot may not be possessed on the area.



Nearby Conservation Areas

Franklin Island Conservation Area
Moniteau Creek Conservation Area

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
3500 E Gans Rd
Columbia, MO 65201
(573) 815-7900

Visit us at:

www.mdc.mo.gov

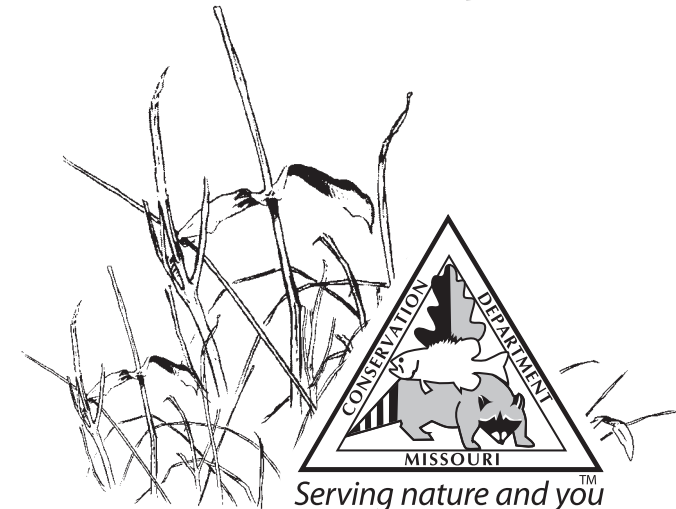
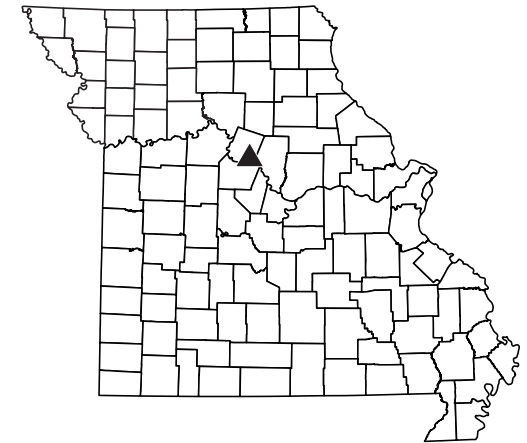
*Additional area information is posted on our website
and on bulletin boards located in parking areas and
area offices.*

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

Diana Bend

CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION



About this Area

Diana Bend Conservation Area is 3 miles west of Rocheport on Highway 40.

Diana Bend Conservation Area is in Howard County, about five miles east of Boonville. To reach the area from I-70 at Columbia, travel west and take the Midway Exit onto Highway 40. Drive 11 miles to the welcome sign on the left. The area, which is adjacent to the Missouri River is 5/8-mile down a gravel road. This 1,343-acre area is bounded on the south by the Missouri River, on the east by Moniteau Creek, on the north by the Katy Trail, and on the west by a levee. Diana Bend Conservation Area is subject to seasonal flooding. Two water control structures help control inundation, but no pumps have been installed. Vegetation is dependent on river fluctuations. The area may contain up to 400 acres of water less than two feet deep, which can provide excellent waterfowl hunting opportunities. The Missouri River and Moniteau Creek provide good fishing, but visitors need a boat to access them. A three-acre blue hole on the west portion of the area provides walk-in fishing. In the past, this area was intensively farmed. About 30 percent of the area is now regenerating cottonwoods and willows. Bottomland hardwood trees were planted in 1998. The Conservation Department continues

to plant about 15 percent of the area in row crops, all of which are left unharvested to provide food for wildlife. A 100-acre semi-permanent marsh has been developed adjacent to the Katy Trail. A disabled accessible wildlife viewing blind exists at the base of the bluffs just west of Rocheport. A viewing platform also offers a commanding view of the floodplain from atop the bluffs.

Recreational Opportunities

*Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking
Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing*

- A gravel path takes users from the KATY Trail near the Rocheport Tunnel to an ADA accessible boardwalk with an observation platform and a wildlife viewing/hunting blind.
- A scenic overlook, which provides a commanding view of the MO River floodplain, is located at the top of a short, steep hiking trail that starts on the boardwalk.

Rules and Regulations

*Open for public use from 4:00 a.m. to 10 p.m.;
hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, dog training,
launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day
on areas where these activities are permitted.*

- Groups larger than 10 people and some special activities may require a special use permit. Please visit our website for more information.
- Camping is allowed anytime in designated camping areas shown on map. These may or may not have defined campsites. No amenities are provided. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Camping is allowed by Missouri River boat travelers within 100 yards of the river between April 1 and Sept. 30.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.

- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all time. Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Target shooting is prohibited.



Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- Refer to Fishing Regulations summary for daily and possession limit regulations for streams and impoundments.
- On lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only with pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by one (1) person at any time.
- Seining or trapping live bait is permitted in streams.
- Boats are allowed. Only Electric motors are permitted on lakes and ponds of less than seventy (70) acres and boats may not be left unattended or overnight.